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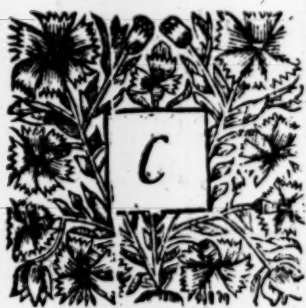
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His Majesties

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HARLES the Second, by the Grace of God King of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c.

To Our Trusty, and well-beloved Sir *Robert Hanson* Knight, Lord Mayor of Our City of *London*, and to the Lord Mayor of Our said City for the time being;

To the most Reverend Father in God, Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Counsellour, *Gilbert* Lord Arch-bishop of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *England*, and Metropolitan, and to the Lord Arch-bishop of *Canterbury* for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin and Counsellour, *Anthony* Earl of *Shaftsbury*, Lord High Chancellour of *England*,

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and to the Lord High Chancellour of *England*, and Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England*, for the time being ;

To the most Reverend Father in God, *Richard* Lord Arch-bishop of *York*, Primate of *England*, and Metropolitan, and to the Lord Arch-bishop of *York* for the time being ;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin and Counsellour, *Thomas* Viscount *Osborn*, Lord High Treasurer of *England*, and to the Lord High Treasurer of *England* for the time being ;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin and Counsellour, *Arthur* Earl of *Anglesey*, Keeper of Our Privy Seal, and to the Keeper of Our Privy Seal for the time being ;

To Our Right trusty, and Right entirely beloved Cousin and Counsellour, *George* Duke of *Buckingham* ;

To Our Right trusty, and Right entirely beloved Cousin, *Christopher* Duke of *Albemarle* ;

To Our Right trusty, and Right entirely beloved Cousin and Counsellour, *John* Duke of *Lauderdale* ;

To

To Our Right trusty, and Right
entirely beloved Cousin and Counsellour,
James Duke of Ormond, Lord
Steward of Our Household, and to the
Lord Steward of Our Household for
the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right
entirely beloved Cousin, *Henry Lord*
Marquess of Worcester;

To Our Right trusty, and entirely
beloved Cousin and Counsellour,
Henry Marquess of Dorchester;

To Our Right trusty, and Right
well-beloved Cousin and Counsellour,
Henry Earle of Ogle;

To Our Trusty, and Right well-
beloved Cousin and Counsellour, *Tho-*
mas Earl of Osborn;

To Our Right trusty, and Right
well-beloved Cousin and Counsellour,
Robert Earl of Lindsey, Lord great
Chamberlain of *England*, and the
Lord great Chamberlain of *England*
for the time being;

Henry Earl of St. Albans, Lord
Chamberlain of Our Household, and
to the Lord Chamberlain of Our
Household for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right
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well-beloved Cousin and Counsellour,
Aubrey Earl of *Oxford*;

To Our Right trusty, and Right
well-beloved Cousin and Counsel-
lour *John* Earl of *Bridgewater*;

To Our Right trusty, and Right
well-beloved Cousin, *Philip* Earl of
Chesterfield;

To Our Right trusty, and Right
well-beloved Cousin and Counsel-
lour, *William* Earl of *Craven*;

To Our Right trusty, and well-
beloved Cousin and Counsellour,
Henry Earl of *Arlington*, Our Principal
Secretary of State;

To Our Right trusty, and well-
beloved Cousin and Counsellour,
Thomas Viscount *Falconberge*;

To Our Right trusty, and Right
well-beloved Cousin and Counsellour,
George Viscount *Hallifax*.

To the Right Reverend Father in
God, Our Right trusty, and well-
beloved Counsellour, *Humphrey* Lord
Bishop of *London*, Our Almoner;

To the Right Reverend Fathers in
God, *George* Lord Bishop of *Win-
chester*, *Benjamin* Lord Bishop of
Ely, *John* Lord Bishop of *Roche-
ster*

ster and Dean of *Westminster*, *Walter* Lord Bishop of *Worcester*, Dean of Our Chapell Royal, *Nathaniel* Lord Bishop of *Oxon*, Clerk of Our Closet, and to the Bishops of *London*, *Winchester*, *Ely*, *Rochester*, *Worcester* and *Oxford*, Our Almoner, the Dean of Our Chapell, the Clerk of Our Closet, and the Dean of *Westminster* for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin, *Henry* Viscount *Cornbury*, Lord Chamberlain to Our Royal Consort the Queen;

To Our Right trusty, and well-beloved Counsellour, *Francis* Lord *Newport*, Treasurer of Our Household, and to the Treasurer of Our Household for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Counsellour, *William* Lord *Maynard*, Our Comptroller of Our Household, and to the Comptroller of Our Household for the time being;

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Counsellour, *Henry* *Coventry* Esq; one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and to both Our Principal Secretaries of State for the time being;

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To Our Right trusty, and well-beloved Counsellour, Sir *George Carteret* knight and Baronet, Vice-chamberlain of Our Household, and to the Vice-chamberlain of Our Household for the time being ;

To Our Right trusty, and well-beloved Counsellour, Sir *Orlando Bridgeman* knight and Baronet, and Sir *John Duncomb* knight, Chancellor and Under-treasurer of Our Exchequer, and to the Chancellor and Under-treasurer of Our Exchequer for the time being ;

Sir *Robert Carr* knight and Baronet, Chancellor of Our Dutchy of *Lancaster*, and to the Chancellor of Our Dutchy of *Lancaster* for the time being ;

Sir *Thomas Chicheley* knight, Master of Our Ordnance, and to the Master of Our Ordnance for the time being ;

To Our Right trusty, and well-beloved Sir *Matthew Hale* knight, Chief Justice of the Pleas before Us to be holden, and to the Chief Justice of the Pleas before Us to be holden for the time being ;

Sir *Harbottle Grimstone* Baronet,
Master

Master of the Rolls, and to the Master of the Rolls for the time being ;

Sir *John Vaughan* knight, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common-pleas, and to the Chief Justice of Our Court of Common-pleas for the time being ;

Sir *Edward Turner* knight, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer, and to the Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer for the time being ;

Sir *Thomas Twisden* knight and Baronet, Sir *Richard Rainsford* knight, and Sir *William Wild* knight and Baronet, Justices of the Pleas before Us to be holden, and to the Justices of the Pleas before Us to be holden for the time being ;

Sir *Robert Atkins* knight of the Bath, Sir *Hugh Windham* knight, and Sir *William Ellis* knight, Justices of Our Court of Common-pleas, and to the Justices of Our Court of Common-pleas for the time being ;

Sir *Christopher Turner* knight, Sir *Timothy Littleton* knight, and Sir *Edward Thurland* knight, Barons of Our Court of Exchequer, and to the Barons of Our Court of Exchequer
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for the time being ;

Sir *Heneage Finch* knight and Baronet, Our Attorney General, and to Sir *Francis North* knight, Our Solicitor General, and to Our Attorney General and Solicitor General for the time being ;

Sir *Edward Dering* Baronet ;

Sir *John Howel* knight, Recorder of Our City of *London*, and to the Recorder of Our City of *London* for the time being ;

Sir *Charles Harbord* knight, Our Surveyor General, and to Our Surveyor General for the time being ;

Sir *Philip Warwick* knight, one of the Clerks of Our Signet ;

Sir *John Birkenhead* knight, one of the Masters of Requests, and Master of the Faculties, and to the Master of the Faculties for the time being ;

Sir *John Nicholas* knight of the *Bath* ;

Sir *Edward Walker* knight, Garter Principal King of Armes, Sir *Robert Southwel* knight, and Sir *Joseph Williamson* knight, Clerks of Our Council, and to the Clerks of Our Council for the time being ;

Sir *Robert Wiseman* knight, Doctor
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of Laws and Dean of the Arches, and Vicar General to the Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and to the Dean of the Arches, and Vicar General of the Lord Arch-bishop of *Canterbury* for the time being ;

Sir *Leolin Jenkins* knight, Doctor of Laws, Judge of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, and Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and to the Judge of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, and to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty for the time being ;

Sir *Walter Walker* knight, Doctor of Laws, Our Advocate General, and to Our Advocate General for the time being ;

Thomas Exton Doctor of Laws, Chancellour of the Lord Bishop of *London*, and to the Chancellour of the Lord Bishop of *London* for the time being ;

Sir *Richard Chiverton* knight, sir *Thomas Allen* knight, sir *John Frederick* knight, sir *John Robinson* knight and Baronet, sir *John Lawrence* knight, sir *Thomas Bludworth* knight, sir *William Peak* knight, sir *William Turner* knight, sir *Richard Ford* knight,
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sir Samuel Sterling knight, *sir George Waterman* knight, *sir William Hooker* knight, *sir Robert Viner* knight and Baronet, *sir Ioseph Sheldon* knight, *sir Dionis Gauden* knight, *sir Thomas Davys* knight, *sir Francis Chaplin* knight, *Dannet Forth* Esq; *Iohn Forth* Esq; *Patience Ward* Esq; *sir James Edwards* knight, *sir Robert Clayton* knight, *sir Iohn More* knight, *sir William Pritchard* knight, Aldermen of Our City of *London*, and to the Aldermen of Our said City for the time being;

Sir Thomas Player knight, Chamberlain of Our said City of *London*, and to the Chamberlain of Our said City for the time being;

Sir Iohn Cutler knight and Baronet, *Sir Iohn Shaw* knight and Baronet, *Sir Theophilus Biddolph* knight and Baronet, *Sir Andrew King*, *Sir Thomas Beverly* knights;

To Our Right trusty, and well-beloved *William Sancroft* Doctor in Divinity, Dean of the Cathedral Church of *Saint Paul* in *London*, *Edward Layfield* Doctor in Divinity, *Francis Turner* Doctor in Divinity, and

and *Edward Stillingfleet* Doctor in Divinity, Residentiaries of the said Cathedral Church, and to the Dean and Residentiaries of the said Cathedral Church for the time being ;

Christopher Wren Doctor of Laws, Surveyor General of Our Works, and to the Surveyor General of Our Works for the time being ;

William Dugdale Esquire, Norroy King of Arms ;

John Phelips Esquire, one of the Auditors of Our Court of Exchequer, and *William Llewellen* Esq; Citizen of Our said City of *London*, Greeting.

WHEREAS Our most Dear and Royal Grandfather and Father were pleased to begin, and set forward that great and honourable Work of Upholding, and Repairing the Cathedral Church of *St. Paul* in *London*, and granted several Commissions in order to the Accomplishing of that Work, with sundry good Directions therein contained to that purpose ; And WHEREAS, We in pursuance of their Pious and Royal Intentions, resolving to make a further and more effectual

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progress in that Work, which by the Iniquity of the late Times had been so much and so long interrupted, did by Our Commission under Our Great Seal of *England*, bearing date the Eighteenth Day of *April*, in the Fifteenth Year of Our Reign, Directed to the several Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and others the persons of eminent Rank and Quality therein Named, Authorize, and Impower them, or so many of them, as are therein Appointed, and Enabled to Act, to proceed in that great Undertaking, and to endeavour the perfecting thereof by such Ways, and Means, and according to such Rules, and Orders, as are therein mentioned; Since the issuing out of which Commission, the late dreadful Fire in *London* hath destroyed, and consumed the said Cathedral to such a Degree, that no part of the ancient Walls, or Structures can with any safety be relied upon, or left standing; Insomuch that it is now become absolutely necessary, totally to Demolish, and Raze to the Ground all the Reliques of the former Building, and in the same Place, but upon new

new Foundations to Erect a new Church; (Which that it may be done to the Glory of GOD, and for the promoting of his Divine Worship, and Service, therein to be Celebrated, and to the end the same may equal, if not exceed, the Splendor, and Magnificence of the former Cathedral Church, when it was in its best Estate, and so become much more then formerly, the principal Ornament of that Our Royal City, to the Honour of Our Government, and of this Our Realm; We have caused several Designs to that purpose, to be prepared by Dr. *Christopher Wren*, Surveyor General of all Our Works, and Buildings, which We have seen, and one of which We do more especially approve, and have Commanded a Model thereof to be made after so large and exact a Manner, that it may remain as a perpetual, and unchangeable Rule, and Direction for the Conduct of the whole Work;) And WHEREAS Our former Commission, in which the Upholding, and Repairing the ancient Cathedral Church is onely Designed, and Mentioned, doth
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not sufficiently Authorize, and Impower Our said Commissioners therein Named to begin, and compleat a new Fabrick upon new Foundations :

KNOW YE, That We reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your approved Wisdoms, Sincerity, and Diligence, have nominated, appointed, assigned, and constituted, and do by these Presents nominate, appoint, assign, and constitute you the said Sir *Robert Hanson* Lord Mayor of Our said City of *London*, and the Lord Mayor of Our said City of *London* for the time being ; *Gilbert* Lord Arch-bishop of *Canterbury*, and the Lord Arch-bishop of *Canterbury* for the time being ; *Anthony* Earl of *Shaftsbury*, Lord High Chancellour of *England*, and the Lord High Chancellour and Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of *England* for the time being ; *Richard* Lord Arch-bishop of *York*, and the Lord Arch-bishop of *York* for the time being ; *Thomas* Lord Viscount *Osborn*, Lord High Treasurer of *England*, and the Lord High Treasurer of *England* for the time

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time being; *Arthur* Earl of *Anglesey*,
Lord Keeper of Our Privy Seal, and
the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal for
the time being; *George* Duke of
Buckingham, *Christopher* Duke of
Albemarle, *John* Duke of *Lauderdale*,
James Duke of *Ormond*, Lord Steward
of Our Household, and the Lord Stew-
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ing; *Henry* Lord Marquess of *Wor-*
cester, *Henry* Lord Marquess of *Dor-*
chester, *Henry* Earl of *Ogle*, *Thomas*
Earl of *Osbory*, *Robert* Earl of *Lind-*
sey, Lord Great Chamberlain of *Eng-*
land, and the Lord Great Chamber-
lain of *England* for the time being;
Henry Earl of *St. Albans*, Lord
Chamberlain of Our Household, and
the Lord Chamberlain of Our Houf-
hold for the time being; *Aubrey* Earl
of *Oxford*, *John* Earl of *Bridgewater*,
Philip Earl of *Chesterfield*, *William*
Earl of *Craven*, *Henry* Earl of *Arling-*
ton, Our Principal Secretary of State,
Thomas Viscount *Falconberge*, *George*
Viscount *Hallifax*, *Humphrey* Lord
Bishop of *London*, Our Almoner,
George Lord Bishop of *Winchester*,
Benjamin Lord Bishop of *Ely*, *John*
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Lord Bishop of *Rochester* and Dean of *Westminster*, *Walter* Lord Bishop of *Worcester*, Dean of Our Chapell Royal, *Nathaniel* Lord Bishop of *Oxford*, Clerk of Our Closet, and the Bishops of *London*, *Winchester*, *Ely*, *Rochester*, *Worcester*, and *Oxford*, Our Almoner, the Dean of Our Chapell, the Clerk of Our Closet, and the Dean of *Westminster* for the time being; *Henry* Viscount *Cornbury*, Lord Chamberlain to Our Royal Consort the Queen, *Francis* Lord *Newport*, Trêasurer of Our Houshold, and the Treasurer of Our Houshold for the time being; *William* Lord *Maynard*, Comptroller of Our Houshold, and the Comptroller of Our Houshold for the time being; *Henry* *Coventry* Esq; one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and both Our Principal Secretaries of State for the time being; Sir *George* *Carteret*, Vice-chamberlain of Our Houshold, and the Vice-chamberlain of Our Houshold for the time being; Sir *Orlando* *Bridgeman*; Sir *Iohn* *Duncomb* Chancellour, and Under-treasurer of Our Exchequer, and the Chancel-
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Exchequer for the time being; Sir
Robert Carr, Chancellour of Our
Dutchy of *Lancaster*, and the Chan-
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for the time being; Sir *Thomas*
Chichley, Master of Our Ordnance,
and the Master of Our Ordnance for
the time being; Sir *Matthew Hale*,
Chief Justice of the Pleas, before Us
to be holden, and the Chief Justice of
the Pleas before Us to be holden for
the time being; Sir *Harbottle Grim-*
stone Master of the Rolls, and the Ma-
ster of the Rolls for the time being;
Sir *Iohn Vaughan*, Chief Justice of
Our Court of Common Pleas, and
the Chief Justice of Our Court of
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Sir *Edward Turner*, Chief Baron of
Our Court of Exchequer, and the
Chief Baron of Our Court of Exche-
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Twisden, Sir *Richard Rainsford*, and
Sir *William Wild*, Justices of the
Pleas before Us to be holden, and
the Justices of the Pleas before Us
to be holden for the time being;
Sir *Robert Atkins*, Sir *Hugh*
Windham,

Windham , Sir *William Ellis* ,
 Justices of Our Court of Common
 Pleas, and Our Justices of Our Court
 of Common Pleas for the time being ;
 Sir *Christopher Turner* , Sir *Timothy*
Littleton , and Sir *Edward Thurland* ,
 Barons of Our Court of Exchequer,
 and the Barons of Our Court of Ex-
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neage Finch , Our Attorney General,
 and Sir *Francis North* , Our Solicitor
 General, and Our Attorney General
 and Solicitor General for the time
 being ; Sir *Edward Dering* ,
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 City of *London* , and the Recorder of
 Our said City for the time being ;
 Sir *Charles Harbord* , Our Surveyor
 General, and Our Surveyor General
 for the time being ; Sir *Philip War-*
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 of the Faculties , and the Master of
 the Faculties for the time being ; Sir
John Nicholas , Sir *Edward Walker* ,
 Sir *Robert Southwel* , and Sir *Joseph*
Williamson , Clerks of Our Council,
 and the Clerks of Our Council for
 the time being ; Sir *Robert Wiseman* ,
 Dean of the Arches, and Vicar Gene-
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ral of the Lord Arch-bishop of *Canterbury*, and the Dean of the Archies, and Vicar General of the Lord Arch-bishop of *Canterbury* for the time being; Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, Judge of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, and Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and the Judge of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, and Judge of the Admiralty for the time being; Sir *Walter Walker*, Our Advocate General, and Our Advocate General for the time being; Dr. *Thomas Exton*, Chancellour of the Lord Bishop of *London*, and the Chancellour of the Lord Bishop of *London* for the time being; Sir *Richard Chiverton*, sir *Thomas Allen*, sir *John Frederick*, sir *John Robinson*, sir *Iohn Lawrence*, sir *Thomas Bludworth*, sir *William Peak*, sir *William Turner*, sir *Richard Ford*, sir *Samuel Sterling*, sir *George Waterman*, sir *William Hooker*, sir *Robert Viner*, sir *Ioseph Sheldon*, sir *Dionis Gauden*, sir *Thomas Davys*, sir *Francis Chaplin*, *Dannet Forth*, *Iohn Forth*, *Patience Ward*, sir *James Edwards*, sir *Robert Clayton*, sir *Iohn More*, and sir *William Prichard*, Aldermen of

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Our City of *London*, and the Aldermen of Our said City for the time being; Sir *Thomas Player*, Chamberlain of Our said City, and the Chamberlain of Our said City for the time being; Sir *Fohn Cutler*, Sir *Iohn Shaw*, Sir *Theophilus Biddolph*, Sir *Andrew King*, Sir *Thomas Beverly*, *William Sancroft*, Dean of the Cathedral Church of Saint *Paul* in *London*, *Edward Layfield*, *Francis Turner*, and *Edward Stillingfleet*, Residentiaries of the said Cathedral Church, and the Dean and Residentiaries of the said Cathedral Church for the time being; *Christopher Wren*, Surveyor General of Our Works, and the Surveyor General of Our Works for the time being; *William Dugdale*, *Fohn Phelips*, and *VWilliam Llewellen*, to be Our Commissioners for the Rebuilding, new Erecting, Finishing, and Adorning the said Cathedral Church of St. *Paul* in *London*, in the same Church-yard, upon new Foundations, and according to the Design and Model above mentioned.

And We do by these presents give full

full power and authority to you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of *London*, or the Dean of *St. Pauls* for the time being to be one) to demolish and take down what is yet remaining of the old Fabrick, and to begin, and carry on the new Work, or such part or portion of it, and in such Order, and Method, and by such Ways and Means, and according to such Rules and Orders, as to you shall seem best; and to call to your Aid and Assistance, such skilful Artists, Officers, and Workmen, as ye shall think fit, and to appoint to each of them his several Charge and Employment; to minister to such Artists and Officers, and to all and every other person and persons to be employed in the said Service, (to whom you shall think meet) such Oath or Oaths for the due performance of their several Duties, Employments, Offices, Charges, and Trusts, to them, or any of them to be committed, as shall by you be thought reasonable and convenient; and out of such Money as shall be received for this Work, to allow
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to them, and every of them, such Salaries, Wages, and Rewards respectively, as to you shall seem fitting, and proportionable to their Employment, and the Service they shall do; and to consider, advise, agree of, and set down particular Orders and Instructions, as well for the safe and well keeping both of the Money from time to time brought into the Treasury, and of the Materials, and Provisions to be from time to time brought into the Stores, as also for the faithful and frugal issuing out, and disposing of the same for the publick Use intended, and no other; and to direct and appoint by whom, and in what Manner the Books and Accompts of both shall be from time to time kept and comptrolled, audited, transcribed, and certified; and to put such a Checque upon the Receipt and issuing out of both, as you shall judge necessary; And out of your selves, and such other persons of known Ability and Integrity, as you shall chuse from time to time, and as often as you shall judge it Expedient, to appoint, constitute, and make such, and so many Sub-committees,

tees as you shall think meet, for the better managing and carrying on of this whole Work; and to invest them with such powers, pursuant to the Authorities hereby given, as shall be requisite; and to revoke, annull, and determine the same; and to revive, and make new the said Sub-committees, or any others, when, and as often, as you shall find it needful and conducing to the Service; and (in summe) to advise, treat, and consider of all other things, ways and means for the better Advancement, and Furtherance of this great and excellent Work, and to the finishing and perfecting the same, and to put the same ways, and means in due and speedy Execution; and Finally to consult of, and frame meet Orders, Ordinances, and Constitutions for the better preservation and maintenance of the said Cathedral Church in time to come, and for the preventing and suppressing of all present and future Annoyances, Purprestures, and Encroachments, which do, shall or may any way tend to the Damage or Hurt, Blemishing or Disgrace of the same; and the said Or-

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ders, Ordinances, and Constitutions, being reduced into Writing to present to Us ; to the end that the same being by Us perused and considered of, may receive Our Royal Approbation and Allowance, with such further Order from Us for the strengthening the same by Our Royal Signature, or under Our Great Seal or otherwise, as We shall find meet, that so they may be put in due Execution accordingly.

And although We are very sensible, that the Erecting such a new Fabrick or Structure according to the Design above mentioned, will be a Work not onely of great time but also of very extraordinary Cost, and Expence, (far above that of the Repairs either former or later :) yet are We in no sort discouraged from undertaking the same ; being resolved on Our part to contribute thereunto all fitting Aid and Assistance ; and no way doubting but that the Piety, and Charity of Our good Subjects will eminently appear by their frequent and liberal Contributions to so Honourable and Pious a Design, whereby at
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last all kind of Difficulties will be overcome.

In Order whereunto, as We were formerly graciously pleased (beside Our Royal Grant of all Arrears of Improvements, not Pardoned by the Act of Free and General Pardon and Indemnity) further to signifie Our good affection toward the Repair of the said Cathedral by the Free Gift of 1000*l.* by the Year, to be paid Quarterly out of Our Privy Purse, and to be continued during the Reparation of the said Church: So are We pleased much rather hereby to confirm and continue it for the Rebuilding, and new Erecting of the same.

And forasmuch as We are very confident, that not onely Our Clergy, but many of Our Nobility, Gentry, and other Our loving Subjects, and especially the Citizens and Inhabitants of Our said Royal City of *London*, (to whom We do most earnestly recommend the Advancement of this Work) will be ready to follow Our Example by chearful and bountiful Supplies to the carrying on and finishing

finishing the said Work : We do hereby give and grant unto you the said *Humphrey* Lord Bishop of *London*, and to the Bishop of that See for the time being, and to you the present Dean, and others Residentiaries of Our said Cathedral Church, and to your Successor the Dean, and other the Residentiaries there for the time being, full power and authority to ask, demand, receive, and take the free, and voluntary Contributions of all such of Our Nobility, Bishops, Judges, Serjeants and Counsellours at Law, Officers, and others of Quality, and Ability, and of all such Our Subjects, as shall willingly contribute to the said Work : And also to provide, and keep Books or Registers, (such as have been formerly kept upon the like occasion) and to ask, procure, and in the said Books or Registers, or some of them, to take the several Subscriptions of any such person or persons before mentioned, for such several sum and sums of Money, as they shall out of their Christian Charity freely bestow in that behalf : All which Money already so Subscribed or
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Given, Raised, Collected; or Received; aswell for the former Repairs, as for the Works at present in hand, or so to be hereafter Subscribed or Given, Raised, Collected or Received, We require all persons concerned to pay accordingly, for the carrying on and perfecting of the present Design of Rebuilding the said Cathedral, into the Receipt of the Chamber of Our said City of *London*, (the said Chamber having been with Our good liking and approbation rightly chosen, and appointed according to Our former Commission to be the Receipt and Treasury of all the Money due, and payable to that Work) or unto such person or persons, as by any Six or more of you Our said Commissioners (whereof the Lord Bishop of *London*, or the Dean of St. *Pauls* for the time being to be one) shall be from time to time chosen, and appointed to receive the same: Which said Receiver, or Receivers for the time being, so constituted as aforesaid, are hereby authorized to receive the same;

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and to give Acquittances and Discharges for it to such person or persons as shall pay it in as aforesaid; and are hereby required not to issue out any Money so received, but by Order and Warrant under the hands of Six or more of Our said Commissioners, (whereof the Lord Bishop of *London*, or Dean of *St. Pauls* for the time being always to be one.)

And Our further VVill and Pleasure is, and VVe do hereby straitly Charge and Command the Judges of the Prerogative Courts of both Provinces, and the Vicars General, Commissaries, and Officials, and all others having and exercising Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within this Our Kingdom and Dominion of *Wales*, that from henceforth they take especial care, that out of such Money as shall from time to time fall into their power for, or by reason of Commutations of Penance, or upon any other Occasion whatsoever, (being designed, or proper to be bestowed to Pious or Charitable uses,) some convenient proportion be assigned or set apart

part toward the Supply of this Work: And hereof the Bishops also in their several Dioceses are hereby required to take notice and effectual care, and to make Certificate at the end of every Six moneths to the Bishop of *London* for the time being, what hath within their respective Jurisdictions been done herein, and what hath been neglected to be done, and by who's default: and withall to cause all the Moneys so assigned, and reserved to be sent up and paid to the Receiver, or Treasurer of this Work for the time being, rightly constituted and appointed as aforesaid.

And for a further Supply to this great and chargeable Work, which will necessarily require a general and liberal Contribution of all Our able Subjects of this Kingdom; We do hereby give unto you Our said Commissioners, or to any Six or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of *London*, or the Dean of *St. Pauls* for the time being to be one) full power and authority from time to time

time to Consult, Advise, and Agree of such Form or Forms of Letters Patents to be drawn in a more special manner, than ordinary Briefs are wont to be, according to the extraordinary Nature of this Case, for Publick Collections to be made throughout Our said Realm of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, of the Charity of Our loving and well disposed Subjects toward the present Work, and for the bringing in of the same to the Receiver or Receivers for the time being; reciting therein so much of the premises as shall be found needful, and adding thereto such other necessary Clauses, as you shall conceive most likely to advance the Collections, and Contributions to be made thereupon: VVhich said Letters Patents, or Briefs, so Advised and Agreed upon, and testified to be so under the Hands of any Six, or more of you (as aforesaid) We will, and command you Our Chancellour of *England*, or Keeper of Our Great Seal of *England* for the time being, to pass under Our Great Seal of *England* without any further

further or other VVarrant from Us to be procured, or obtained in that behalf; and these presents shall be to you and them, and every of them a sufficient Warrant and Discharge for the same.

And for the further easing and defraying of so vast an Expence, as this Work will require; and in Order to the better Recovery and Preservation of whatsoever hath or shall be given, or intended, purchased, or provided to that purpose, being very desirous that a true and perfect Discovery may be made, as well of all such Legacies, Bequests, and Gifts both of Lands, and sums of Money, or other Profits, as have been at any time heretofore, or hereafter shall be Given, Subscribed, or intended for the Rebuilding, Maintaining, Repairing, or Adorning of the said Church; as also of all Materials, Instruments, or Utensils at any time purchased or prepared for that VVork, but fraudulently and sacrilegiously concealed, detained, or converted to private Use and Advantage: VVe do by these presents give,

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and grant unto you, or any Six or more of you, (whereof the Bishop of *London*, or the Dean of *St. Pauls* for the time being to be one) full power and authority, as well by the Oath of honest and lawful Men, as by the Examination of Witnesses upon their Oaths, (which Oaths both to Jurors and Witnesses, you, or any Six or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of *London*, or the Dean of *St. Pauls* for the time being to be one) are hereby Authorized to Administer) or without Oath, and by all other Ways, and Means whatsoever from time to time to Enquire, and Examine as well of, for, and concerning all and every sum, and sums of Money, or other Gifts whatsoever, which heretofore have or hereafter shall be Given, and Bequeathed, Subscribed, Advanced, Raised, Collected, or Received for, or toward the Reparation or Rebuilding of the said Cathedral Church, or for the Beautifying and Adorning thereof, or for providing of any Instruments, Utensils or Ornaments for the same, and touching

touching the Payment and Employment thereof, and what remains yet unpaid, or unaccounted for, and in whose Hands; as also of, and concerning all and every the Materials, and Utensils at any time provided for the Repairing or Rebuilding of the said Church, or any Way belonging to the same, and of the particular value thereof, and how, and by whom the same, or any part thereof hath been taken away, disposed, converted, and imployed otherwise, than to the Use intended: And to send for, and convene, and cause to come before you all such Farmers, Tenants, Trustees, Treasurers, Receivers, Accomptants, Clerks, and other Officers, and Ministers, Parties, and Witnesses whatsoever, which are any way concerned, or can give Testimony touching the Premises, and which you shall think necessary to call before you, and to examine them severally upon their Oaths: And to cause all, and every person and persons whom you shall think good, from time to time to bring, and shew before you, either upon

on Oath, or without Oath, all, and singular such Books, Records, Registers, Surveys, Accompts, Evidences, and other Notes, and Writings any way relating to the Premises, and remaining in their Hands, as you shall think fit to be produced, whereby the truth of the Premises may the better, and more plainly be found out, and discovered, and to let you have the use and perusal of the same. And for your ease, and better Expedition in the Execution of this part of Our Commission, Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby Charge and Command, that all such Surveyors, Actuaries, Registers, Officers, and Ministers whatsoever, which you or any Six or more of you, (whereof the Lord Bishop of *London*, or the Dean of *St. Pauls* for the time being to be one) shall think fit and require, shall be ready, and attendant upon you, or any Six or more of you for the doing, and performing any thing necessary, or expedient to be done in the Execution of this Our Commission: And that all Sheriffs, Justices of the

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the Peace, Constables, Bayliffs, and
all other Our Officers, Ministers, and
loving Subjects whatsoever, upon any
Warrant, or Precept to be issued from
you Our said Commissioners, or any
Six or more of you (whereof the
Lord Bishop of *London*, or the Dean
of *St. Pauls* for the time being to be
one) do return Jurors, serve Orders,
and Summons, and be aiding, and as-
sisting in all things tending to the
effectual Execution of the said Com-
mission. And we do hereby autho-
rize you Our said Commissioners, or
any Six or more of you (as aforesaid)
to demand, call for, and order to be
paid into the Hands of the Receiver,
or Receivers for the time being, so
appointed as aforesaid, all such sum,
and sums of Money, as by the means
and methods, and in any of the Cases
aforesaid, now are, or hereafter shall
be found to be remaining in the Hands,
or due and payable by, or chargeable
upon any person, or persons whatso-
ever, with Damages for the same, or
such Compositions either of Principal
or Damages, as you shall think fit to be

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made therein: And in default of payment to inform Us, and Our Council, of such person, and persons so found to be indebted, which shall in Contempt of this Our Commission refuse to pay the said Debts: and out of such Money as shall be so Discovered, Recovered, and Received, to allow fitting and proportionable Salaries, Gratuities, and Rewards to such Clerks, Messengers, or others, who shall any way advance the said Service, or be employed in discovering or getting in the said Money.

And lastly Our Pleasure is, That this Commission shall continue in Force; and We do hereby authorize you Our said Commissioners, or any Six or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of *London* for the time being, or the Dean of *St. Pauls* for the time being always to be one) to proceed in the Execution thereof, and of all and every the matters, and things therein contained from time to time, as often as you, or any Six or more of you (whereof the said Bishop, or the said Dean for the time being to be always one)

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one) shall think convenient; Although the said Commission be not continued from time to time by Adjournment.

And for the doing of All This, and for the Using and Exercising all, and every the powers above herein granted or mentioned to be granted, in such Manner as is above directed, these Presents shall be unto you, and unto every of you, and to all other persons employed therein, a sufficient Warrant and Discharge.

IN WITNESS whereof *We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents; WITNESS Our self at Westminster, the Twelfth day of November, in the Five and twentieth year of Our Reign.*

PER BREVE DE PRIVATO SIGILLO.

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GOD SAVE THE KING.
